



A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AND ACCEPTING THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE OF MONTANA UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT AND CERTIFYING THAT THE STATE OF MONTANA WILL USE THE FUNDS TO CREATE JOBS AND PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

WHEREAS, the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act requires that states certify that they will request the funds by April 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that either the Governor or the Legislature through joint resolution may apply on behalf of the state, and both the Executive and Legislative Branches of state government believe that these funds are essential for Montana's economy; and

WHEREAS, the funds made available to the state of Montana are essential to create jobs and aid in Montana's economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the funds provide significant funding for Montana highways, bridges, water projects, and other infrastructure projects that directly put Montana workers back to work; and

WHEREAS, funding is provided for Montana schools to make school buildings energy efficient, and those energy savings result in property tax savings by reducing costs for education; and

WHEREAS, funding is provided that allows the state of Montana discretion to set its own priorities to ensure that programs important to this state remain in place; and

WHEREAS, the federal funds made available to the state of Montana are in fact federal taxes paid by Montana citizens; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 645 gives the Legislature the ability to appropriate the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds in a fiscally responsible manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the state of Montana requests the funds available to the state of Montana under the American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act and accepts those funds and certifies that the state of Montana will use the funds to create jobs and promote economic growth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and to the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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I hereby certify that the within joint resolution,  
HJ 0033, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

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